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FOOD ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET

MADAGASCAR

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SITUATION

- Madagascar faces a number of humanitarian challenges, including recurring natural disasters, disease outbreaks, banditry, pest infestations and acute food insecurity. According to the UN, 90 percent of the population lives below the international poverty line and more than 50 percent of children under the age of 5 are chronically malnourished.
- Dry spells in 2018 have led to poor harvests and low food production, particularly in the south. Flooding caused by Cyclone Ava and severe tropical storm Eliakim further damaged crops. According to the June 2018 IPC analysis, approximately 1.26 million people will face Crisis (IPC 3)* or worse levels of food insecurity in the south and southeast regions of Madagascar from July to September 2018.
- The nutritional situation in the south also remains worrisome. According 2018 nutrition surveys, two districts in the south, Amboasary and Ampanihy, have a global acute malnutrition (GAM) prevalence above 10 percent, exceeding the "serious" threshold established by the World Health Organization.



*The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) is a standardized tool that aims to classify the severity and magnitude of acute food insecurity. The IPC scale, which is comparable across countries, ranges from Minimal (IPC 1) to Famine (IPC 5).

RESPONSE

- With support from USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is addressing the urgent needs in Androy and Anosy with U.S. in-kind food assistance and food vouchers, which support local vendors. With FFP resources, CRS has also helped to communities affected by natural disasters and crop failure due to Fall Army Worm.
- Through the UN World Food Program (WFP), FFP is providing locally and regionally procured emergency food assistance in addition to specialized nutritious foods for the prevention and treatment of acute malnutrition in children under the age of 5. With FFP support, WFP implements early recovery activities—including the rehabilitation of essential community assets for communities affected by environmental shocks—and strengthens the capacity of national government systems to lead emergency response in Madagascar through technical and logistical support.
- Additionally, FFP is partnering with CRS and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency to implement multi-year development activities, which build community resilience, protect and enhance livelihoods, and improve the food and nutrition security of vulnerable households. These activities aim to improve maternal and child health, strengthen natural resource management and increase household income to address the underlying causes of food insecurity and malnutrition.

FOOD FOR PEACE CONTRIBUTIONS

Total Contributions per Fiscal Year

	<i>US Dollars</i>	<i>Metric Tons*</i>
FY 2018	\$6.2 million	4,811 MT
FY 2017	\$29 million	15,560 MT
FY 2016	\$46.6 million	31,483 MT

*Metric tonnage does not reflect funding for vouchers or cash transfers.

FY 2018 by Types of Aid

